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**In re Patent Application of:
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
RECRUITMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR
CLINICAL TRIALS WHILE MAINTAINING
SECURITY**

Examiner: R. W. Morgan

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.